

REPORT TO THE TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE
STATE OF HAWAII
2006

PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 333F, SECTION 6, HAWAII REVISED STATUTES,
REGARDING SERVICES FOR PERSONS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES OR
MENTAL RETARDATION, DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO
KEEP WAITING LISTS OF ALL INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE ELIGIBLE FOR SERVICES
AND SUPPORTS, BUT FOR WHOM SERVICES AND SUPPORTS HAVE NOT BEEN
PROVIDED, AND THE REASONS FOR THE LACK OF SERVICES AND SUPPORTS

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In accordance with Hawaii Revised Statutes 333F, Section 6, Services for Persons with Developmental Disabilities or Mental Retardation, enacted by the Legislature in 1998, directs the Department of Health to “keep waiting lists of all individuals who are eligible for services and supports, but for whom services and supports have not been provided for any reason, and to report annually to the legislature the numbers of persons waiting for services and supports and the reasons for the lack of services and supports.”

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IN COMPLIANCE WITH HAWAII REVISED STATUTES CHAPTER 333F Section 6

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Introduction

Hawaii Revised Statutes, Chapter 333F, Section 6, enacted in 1998, directs the Department of Health “to keep waiting lists of all individuals who are eligible for services and supports, but for whom services and supports have not been provided for any reason, and to report annually to the legislature the numbers of persons waiting for services and supports and the reasons for the lack of services and supports.”

Department of Health’s Findings

As of November 25, 2005, there were 0 individuals with developmental disabilities and/or mental retardation waiting for services under the Developmental Disabilities/Mental Retardation Home and Community-Based Medicaid Waiver.

Pursuant to the Settlement and Release Agreement executed on August 12, 2005 between “Plaintiffs” and the “State of Hawaii” and their “Representatives”, in connection with Hawaii Disability Rights Center, et al. v. State of Hawaii, et al., Civil No. 03-00524 HG-KSC (U.S. District Court), the Developmental Disabilities Division (DDD) sent out over 700 letters to individuals who previously requested services or who originally deferred admission to services under the Developmental Disabilities/Mental Retardation Home and Community-Based Medicaid Waiver. Of this 700, 98 individuals responded requesting new individualized service plans (ISP) as of October 25, 2005. At the time of the new ISP, the DDD will discuss whether an individual would like to be admitted into the Waiver and the services requested.